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November 19, 2018

Via First Class Mail and E-mail

Nitin Shah
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RE: Request Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act – FOIA #19-011

Dear Mr. Shah:

This letter is an acknowledgment of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 15, 2018 to the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM)/Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), which the Agency received on the same day. In your request, you seek an electronic copy between January 1, 2018 and the search completion date of all records sent or received by Isabel Cuervo, Wilfredo Cancio, Andre Mendes, Jeffrey Shapiro or Tomas Regalado discussing George Soros, the Soros segment, whether before or after it aired, or discussions of or reactions to media coverage of the Soros segment, and the review conducted by USAGM following these reports. Moreover, you ask for all communications between Radio and TV Marti, the Office of Cuba Broadcasting or USAGM and Lia Fowler, Wayne Madsen, and anyone affiliated with Judicial Watch including, but not limited to, all communications with individuals writing from an e-mail address ending with “@judicialwatch.org.” Finally, you seek all records containing implementing guidance or other instructions relating to the prohibition on USAGM funds being used to influence public opinion in the U.S.

For tracking purposes, your request has been assigned **Reference Number FOIA19-011**. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence with our office regarding your request. Also, be advised that the Agency processes FOIA requests on a first in, first out basis.

For purposes of assessing fees pursuant to the OMB Fee Guidelines, your request has been placed in Category III, the “all other requester” category. Consistent with Category III, you will be assessed charges to recover the full direct costs of the search for and review of the requested documents, as well as the duplication of those documents. Search and review charges for all categories are \$36/\$20/\$10 per hour, depending on the General Schedule Pay Rate of the clerical and professional staff conducting the search or review. The fee for reproduction is \$0.15 per page. Additionally, you may be charged for search time even if the agency fails to locate any records responsive to the request, or even if the records located are subsequently determined to be exempt from disclosure. In

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accordance with your request, we will contact you in the event your request incurs fees exceeding \$100.00.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at (202) 203-4550 or the Office of the General Counsel at the above address.

Sincerely,



H. David Kotz
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